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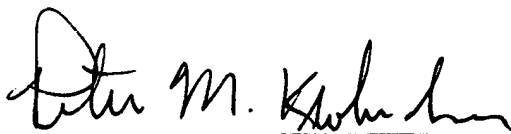
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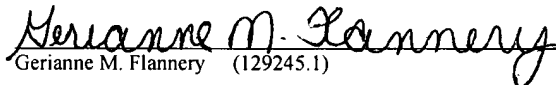
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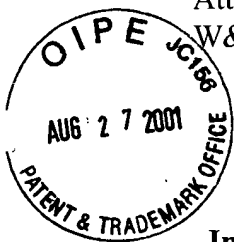
  
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Serial No: 09/864,647	) Examiner: Unknown
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Filed: May 24, 2001	) Art Unit:
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For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR	)
TRACKING A BLOOD COLLECTION	)
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please delete the noted paragraphs and replace them with paragraphs printed below (marked up copies of the corresponding pages are attached as Attachments A, B, and C).

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 5 at line 30 and ending on page 6 at line 12 with the following paragraph:

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- - The present invention is directed to an apparatus or system for collecting, using, and

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